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(b) whether these channels come under the Ganjam Minor Rivers system ;

(c) if so, the total expenditure incurred up to date on the Ganjam Minor Rivers system ;

(d) what the revenue derived by Government from this system is and what percentage of return it works out on the total capital outlay on the Minor Rivers system ;

(e) whether there is an estimate of cost made for improvement of irrigation under the Dusi Urlam channels taken from the Nagavalli river by the construction of a surplus weir across the river ; and

(f) when it is proposed to be taken up ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rupees 2,83,976 to end of 1926-27.

(d)

Gross receipts (1926-27)	Rs.	65,113
Working expenses	,,	49,655
Net revenue	,,	15,458
Return	Per cent	5·44

(e) There was a proposal to construct an anicut across the Langulya at the head of the Dusi channel. This was dropped in 1925 mainly on financial grounds.

(f) There is no present intention of reviving the scheme unless fresh facts are brought forward by the Committee constituted in 1927 of which the hon. Member is a member. The report of that Committee is awaited.

Supply of water to lands under the Urlam and Dusi channels.

* 124 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the head-works at the mouth of the Urlam and Dusi channels are now unfit to carry sufficient water in those channels to irrigate lands under them ; and

(b) whether the Government will have the matter investigated and construct irrigation works to ensure proper supply from the river when water is low in it ?

A.—(a) There have been complaints to this effect.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 123.

Recommendations of the Mettur Committee.

* 125 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to place before the Council (a) the Government Order passed on my token motion carried by the Council on 17th March 1928 for the reduction of the allotment of Rs. 235·17 lakhs for Irrigation, etc., by Rs. 100 in order to criticise the extravagance in the expenditure and the partiality shown to British machinery and plant at heavy loss to the Indian tax-payer, and to press for the election of a Council Committee to enquire into and report on the alleged extravagances and irregularities and waste and make suggestions